time and efforts required for collection of the same will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Opening of electronic exchanges in National Capital region

3300. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open new electronic telephone exchanges in big cities and towns of the National Capital Region to develop telecommunication facilities and to meet the growing needs of the region; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) YES, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the statement.

Statement

S.No.	Name of Town	Type of Electronic exchange	No. of Electronic exchange lines proposed during the 7th Five Year Plan
1	Faridabad	E-10B (M)	12100
2	Bahadurgarh	RUL(E-10B)	2000
3	Gurgaon	E-10B (M)	6000*
4	Dharuhera	NEAX	400
5	Palwal	NEAX	900
6	Alwar	PRX	4000@
7	Bhiwadi	NEAX	400
8	Ghaziabad	E-10B	4000
		RLU(E-10B)	2000
9	Noida	E-10B(Æ)	4000
10	Khurja	NEQX	1000

* A 3000 lines PRX electronic exchange was commissioned replacing 1800 lines old strowger exchange at Gurgaon during 1985-86. It was further expanded to 4000 lines during 86-87. This exchange is proposed to be replaced by a new digital 6000 lines E-10B exchange by the end of the 7th Plan.

@ A 3000 lines PRX electronic exchange was commissioned replacing 2000 lines old strowger exchange at Alwar during 1985-86. This exchange is proposed to be expanded further by another 1000 lines by the end of 7th Plan.

Telephone exchange in Minto Road area of New Delhi

3301. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have acquired land for setting up a new telephone exchange in Minto Road area of New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details of progress so far made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.